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CEO pay raises ire

TRANSLINK

Critics say package is a 'carbon copy' of previous one

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

TransLink is pushing forward with its search for a new CEO using the same executive pay structure that has been publicly condemned, critics say.

According to the job posting on WorkBC's website, the transit authority's next chief executive officer can expect a salary of $319,244, plus an annual bonus of 30 per cent, six weeks vacation and a full benefits package that includes a $14,400 annual transportation allowance, $2,500 annual wellness allowance and a $1,200 annual parking allowance.

"It's a carbon copy of the package that (former CEO) Ian Jarvis gets," said Canadian Taxpayers' Federation B.C. director Jordan Bateman. "It's frustrating to no end. They had a perfect opportunity to fix what's wrong with TransLink."

Transportation Minister Todd Stone issued a statement Monday that was also critical.

"The B.C. government agrees with the region's taxpayers, who resoundingly said in a recent plebiscite that they expect TransLink to be run as efficiently as possible. This must start with executive compensation," Stone wrote via email. "We expect the compensation package of the next CEO to be significantly less than that of the previous CEO."

In a letter sent to the region's mayors Monday, Barry Forbes, the TransLink board's vice-chair, wrote, "The current compensation structure for the CEO remains in place until a new plan is approved."

TransLink has been working with a third party on a new executive compensation plan, which must then be approved by the mayors.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, co-chair of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and also a TransLink board member, said it "remains to be seen" whether CEO pay will go down. He said perks like the $14,400 transportation allowance are "an oddity."

"That's obviously part of the compensation review going ahead," Robertson said.

Despite the furor over executive pay, Robertson said the "key question" is whether the provincial government will heed the mayors' call for reform of TransLink governance by the end of the year.

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‘Unimaginable tragedy’

HOWE SOUND

Child dead, father missing after leaving pleasure craft

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Friends and family are in shock after the boat of a 60-year-old North Vancouver man, who is still missing, was found adrift in Howe Sound on Saturday, a few hours before his young daughter’s body was pulled from the water.

Close friend Roselyn Renuka Baron identified the pair as William Liebenberg, a well-known dentist on the North Shore, and his six-year-old daughter Maddie.

Baron, who previously worked as a dental assistant for Liebenberg soon after he immigrated to Canada from South Africa in 1996, said she was stunned.

“He was a very close friend of mine, but more than that, I considered him a brother,” she told Metro. “He was very dear to my heart. He gave the toast to me at my wedding.”

She said Liebenberg and his daughter set off by boat from Lions Bay Marina for their Gambier Island cabin on Saturday evening.

What happened next, however, is a mystery, she said.

According to Maj. Justin Olsen of the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, a fellow boater spotted their six-metre pleasure craft adrift south of Anvil Island near Lions Bay around 9 p.m. No one was on board, and the keys were still in the ignition.

Search-and-rescue officials launched a search for the pair and, later that night, made the discovery of Maddie’s body near Brigade Bay, he said.

The search for Liebenberg was called off at dusk and handed over to the Mounties as a missing-persons case.

Const. Harrison Mohr of Sunshine Coast RCMP said officers are working with the B.C. Coroners Service to determine the circumstances of Maddie’s death.

> **“I’m still at a loss for words that this is actually happening.**
> Roselyn Renuka Baron

“While there is no indication of foul play at this time, we have not ruled anything out,” Mohr said in a statement. “This is an unimaginable tragedy, and our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of this girl and her father.”

Baron said she heard Maddie was not wearing a life jacket when she was found, which she said was unlike Liebenberg.

“I don’t know if the water was that rough that she could have tipped over and he dove in after her,” she said. “It’s just so weird.”

Describing him as a devoted father, Baron said he was “very close” with his five daughters.

“They were his reason for living, really,” she said. “I’m still at a loss for words that this is actually happening. I hope they find him.”

William Liebenberg with his five daughters and ex-wife Heather on his daughter Kirsten’s wedding day. Liebenberg is missing and his youngest daughter Maddie, front, is dead following a boating incident on Saturday. COURTESY ROSELYN RENUKA BARON

EAST VAN

Teen’s death ruled a homicide

Police are now calling the suspicious death of a teenage boy in East Vancouver on Sunday a homicide.

Const. Brian Montague, spokesman for Vancouver police, identified the victim as 15-year-old Jason Nguyen, who was initially mistakenly reported to be 16. He is Vancouver’s youngest homicide victim this year.

“It’s very, very tragic when you have someone this young die in this manner,” Montague told reporters on Monday. “The death does not appear to be random. We don’t believe the public is at risk.”

Shortly before 3 p.m., police were called to a home on East 24th Avenue near Rupert Street after a family member found Nguyen with serious injuries.

Police believe he was attacked inside the home.

“When he was discovered, he had significant injuries,” said Montague. “He was rushed to hospital and underwent surgery but unfortunately died on the operating-room table.”

Investigators are continuing to gather evidence. There is no indication that his family was involved in the death, said Montague.

“We’re not ruling out anything at this point,” he said. “Especially when you have somebody so young, it’s often we have very limited details about them.”

An autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday to determine the cause of death. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

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E. coli levels plummet

FALSE CREEK

Measurements improved since sewage service launched

Emily Jackson
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Alarmingly high E. coli levels in False Creek plummeted back to seasonal norms last week, with city officials crediting the "pump don't dump" campaign for the decline.

The amount of the illness-causing bacteria in the eastern section dropped to 398 parts per 100 mL of water last Thursday from 1,198 parts on July 16 and a peak of 2,226 in early July, according to Metro Vancouver water samples published by Vancouver Coastal Health.

While that's still unsafe for swimming — False Creek is not a swimming beach, so it's never wise to take a dip — it's lower than E. coli levels in both 2013 and 2014. It's also low enough to meet Health Canada safety guidelines for paddling activities.

The City of Vancouver's director of water and sewers Brian Crowe said in an email he is very happy to see the drop.

"We have not made any major changes to the sewer system that we could credit with the improvement, so we suspect it is at least partly due to people responding to parks' 'pump don't dump' free pump-out program," Crowe wrote.

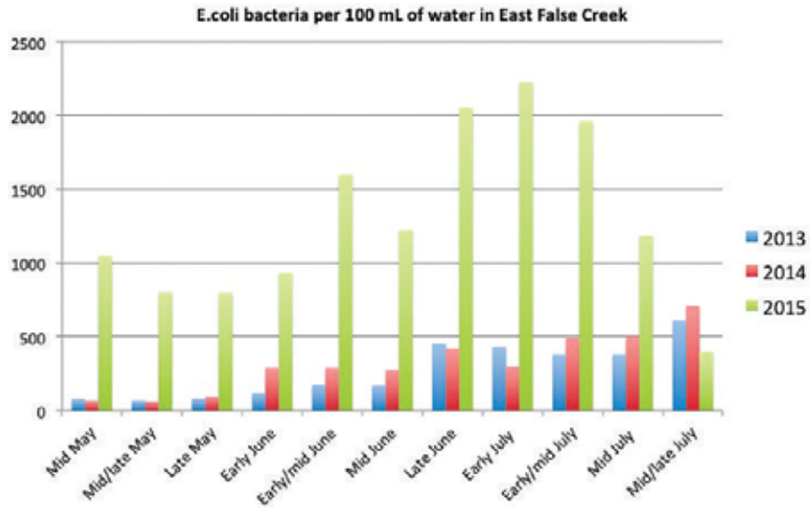
Counts have improved "dramatically" since the park board launched its free sewage disposal services at its two civic marinas for boaters on June 19, he wrote. Pump-outs previously cost $10.

"Last year the E. coli levels became elevated after Celebration of Light, which coincided with hot weather and heavy boater activity.

Hopefully with this year's campaign we won't have a repeat of that," he wrote.

That said, there are still other factors such as the hot weather and the dry season that could have contributed to the high counts.

The city continues to work with Vancouver Coastal Health, Metro Vancouver and Transport Canada to better understand and manage the issue, Crowe said.



A graph comparing E. coli levels in False Creek over the summer months in 2013, 2014 and 2015. PHOTO CREDIT IN SMALL CAPS

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> Brian Crowe

IN BRIEF

40-year-old man killed in speed-flying accident

The B.C. Coroners Service says a 40-year-old man has died in a "speed-flying" accident.

Speed-flying is a new sport similar to paragliding, but uses a significantly smaller wing, designed to provide a rapid descent.

The coroners' service issued a release saying Kyle MacDonald-Wolochatiuk was speed-flying near Squamish on Sunday when he hit a tree.

The man took off from the first peak of the granite cliffs of the Stawamus Chief mountain shortly after 6 p.m. Sunday.

He hit the tree shortly after taking off, then fell about 500 metres to the bottom of the cliff and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The agency said MacDonald-Wolochatiuk had been living in Squamish, but was originally from Cambridge, Ont.

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COMMUNITY

City planner cites personal reasons for retirement

He's got some strong words for the former city planners who have taken to publicly criticizing his work, but the City of Vancouver's top planner Brian Jackson is adamant that's not why he is retiring.

"It's a very unusual situation that we have here in Vancouver for former planners and planning directors to be critical of the existing planning director," Jackson said in an interview Monday, the day after the city announced his plans to retire after just three years on the job. "In part it has to do with a passion for planning, in part it's not being able to let go and let other people have a decision, but I think it really does show how much people care about Vancouver," he said.

While this was admittedly a distraction from his busy job — and it has been busy, with three neighbourhood plans passed on his watch — the 60-year-old planner said he is retiring for personal reasons.

He decided on a recent vacation to Paris that he'd rather write, travel and spend time with family and friends.

"The pace of development in Vancouver has quickened over the past few years. It was a challenge, but that wasn't the reason why I made the decision," he said. "Council has an amazing agenda. I support everything they're doing. I was just looking at it in terms of my energy level."

Jackson said it has been a privilege to serve the city. Aside from the area plans, he is most proud of the heritage projects and the viaducts report going to council in September. (It recommends tearing them down.)

Going forward, he said the negotiation process for community amenity contributions needs to be made more public and transparent.

Asked for advice for anyone who wants to fill his shoes, Jackson was quick to respond.

"You have to be prepared to work 24/7."

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> **You have to be prepared to work 24/7.**
> Brian Jackson

IN BRIEF

Man injured in stabbing

A man was rushed to hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries after a stabbing in the early hours of Monday morning, Surrey RCMP say.

Mounties were dispatched to the area of 184 Street and 92 Avenue just after midnight after reports of a shooting in the area.

When police arrived, they found a young man suffering from "significant" injuries.

Initially, investigators believed the man was the victim of a shooting, but it turned out he had been stabbed.

There was also no evidence at the scene to substantiate the initial calls of gunfire in the area.

Police say the man was targeted. No arrests have been made. The investigation continues.

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Trans rights the focus of Pride

Mayor Gregor Robertson declares Pride Week in a celebration outside city hall on Monday with Vancouver Pride Society president Tim Richards and vice-president Chrissy Taylor. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

CITY HALL

Community, civic officials kick off festivities

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

For the first time, the blue, pink and white stripes of the trans flag are flying on a post at Vancouver City Hall.

The symbol joins a massive 24-foot-by-12-foot rainbow Pride flag hoisted by civic officials on Monday to express Vancouver's full support for equal protections for trans and gender variant people in all provincial and federal legislation.

Trans rights are the focus of the city's 37th annual Pride festival, which launched Monday with a panel on trans rights, a flag raising and a colourful celebration at city hall.

"While substantial gains have been made for gays and lesbians, transgender and gender variant people have been largely left behind," Vancouver Pride Society vice-president Chrissy Taylor told the crowd at the kickoff event.

The Society stirred some controversy by requiring people to sign a pledge supporting trans rights before marching in this year's Aug. 2 parade (the B.C. Liberals will not sign and will not march). Taylor reminded the crowd that Pride started as a protest.

"In our minds, Pride will always be political when there are basic human rights that are not protected for members of our community."

Trans people still face a disproportionate amount of violence and depression, panel moderator Drew Dennis told a full council chamber.

Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox may be drawing attention to trans rights on the Hollywood scale, but Vancouver has its own local heroes to learn from, Dennis said.

Chase Willer, who is First Nations and a retired RCMP officer, is working with the police on their approach to transgender people from an operational perspective regarding issues in holding and detention. Willer hopes to continue discussions around training.

Dr. Wallace Wong, a psychologist who works with trans children, demanded more services for trans youth, many who are homeless after being kicked out by their parents. He also called for local surgical services instead of sending trans youth to Montreal for operations.

Roan Reimer, who just graduated from high school after helping the school board revise its trans policy, said Vancouver is becoming a more accepting place, with the number of students on their school's gay-straight alliance jumping to 26 from six in just one year.

Politicians from all three levels of government attended the panel and the flag raising to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community.

"It's a remarkable celebration of our city's commitment to diversity, to equality, to acceptance and inclusion," Mayor Gregor Robertson said. "And, of course, we have a fabulously good time."

Dora Ng, Vancouver resident and community outreach worker. METRO

"I draw a lot from the Chinese queer community, said Ng, who counters perceptions that Chinese culture is not progressive and calls on the city to make information accessible to all communities. **In high school the only words I knew to describe trans people were awful, rude.... Now there's trans son, trans daughter, trans child. So cosy, so cute, so clever.**

Kai Scott, co-chair of the Vancouver Park Board Trans & Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee. METRO

"After decades of confusion and a little bit of pain, I proudly identify as a man, Scott said. But he still is working to ensure the trans community feels safe when using public recreation centres and change rooms. **As soon as I enter the door of a facility, my heart starts to race.**

Morgane Oger, mother of two and social justice advocate. METRO

"We're having some difficulties adding two words and a comma, Oger said of how hard it is to convince B.C. to explicitly protect gender identity in its human rights legislation. **We really, really need to get gender identity protected the same way as sexual orientation.**

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Drought levels increased

WILDFIRES

Rain provides temporary reprieve for firefighters

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Despite being showered with much-needed rain this weekend, British Columbia is increasing the drought level in more parts of the province.

The provincial government announced Monday a Level 4 drought rating for the South Thompson, Similkameen, Kettle and Stagit areas of B.C. due to ongoing low stream flows.

The Lower Fraser (including Metro Vancouver), South Coast and Vancouver Island had already been assigned Level 4 drought ratings earlier this month.

A Level 4 drought rating means extremely dry conditions have made water supply "insufficient to meet social-economic and ecosystem needs."

Firefighters work a wildfire in West Kelowna, last week. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Regional water managers are given additional regulator actions, such as suspending water licences, to conserve water, and water users are urged to maximize water conservation efforts.

While weekend precipitation had little effect on water supply levels, it did help crews get a handle on many of the wildfires raging throughout B.C.

Provincial fire information officer Kevin Skrepnek told media that just five new wildfires were reported Monday and that crews were able to make "good progress" containing some of the fiercest fires thanks to the welcome reprieve in weather.

Campfire bans have also been eased in the Northwest and Prince George regions, and parts of the Cariboo and Coastal areas thanks to the rain.

"We've seen a downturn of weather in the last few days and that's certainly affected the fire situation," said Skrepnek.

However, crews are warning a return to seasonal hot and dry weather this week means the reprieve may be a short-lived one.

As of Monday afternoon, there were 166 active wildfires in B.C. — bringing the season's total up to 1,340 since April 1, well ahead of both last year's numbers and the 10-year average, Skrepnek said.

1,340

The number of wildfires in B.C. since April 1.

DANGEROUS OFFENDER

Con loses appeal

A man who posed as a gynecologist and convinced one of his victims to tattoo his name across her chest has lost an appeal of his dangerous offender status.

Kolten Mastronardi was declared a dangerous offender in 2012 and given an indeterminate sentence after being found guilty on 12 counts of sexual assault, as well as other charges related to assault, threats, fraud and extortion.

Mastronardi appealed the designation, arguing the judge should not have appointed his former defence lawyer to help him through the dangerous offender trial.

Three B.C. Court of Appeal judges unanimously ruled in a decision released Monday that there was no miscarriage of justice or error in Mastronardi's dangerous offender trial.

Justice Pamela Kirkpatrick wrote that Mastronardi was determined to derail the trial by firing his lawyers, and the judge had to appoint a lawyer whom he could not fire in order to protect the legal process.

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Have tent, will tutor, Canadian student says

A Canadian student's unorthodox pitch to save money on his university education is helping a British woman to obtain her high school credentials.

Evan Eames's master's studies at the University of Manchester were set to cost the Montreal resident more than $30,000 in tuition fees alone, sending him on the hunt for frugal accommodations.

The avid camper thought pitching a tent in someone's backyard would solve his problem, and so he took to the Internet in search of a landlord.

He found one in Charley Mantack, a Manchester resident who offered to let him pitch his tent on her property in exchange for tutoring in math and science.

Eames spent about three hours a week helping her with her high school equivalency course work. Final exam results are due next month, but Mantack was posting A's in her classes and expects to graduate.

Eames said the inconvenience of living in sporadically damp or cold conditions was balanced by the fresh air and fun of doing something a little out of the ordinary.

"It started out as mainly an economic function, but very quickly it turned into something that I was genuinely enjoying," the 25-year-old said in a telephone interview.

A long-term camp-out was not part of Eames's initial plan when he decided to complete his master's degree outside of Canada.

The British citizenship he enjoys courtesy of his father, he thought, would be sufficient to secure tuition rates more in line with what he would have paid if he remained in Canada.

But after discovering that international rates applied to anyone who had not lived in the country for at least three years, Eames was forced to get creative.

The time he'd previously spent globetrotting on a student budget had made him comfortable with life in a nylon shelter.

Mantack said she plans to go on to university, where she hopes to follow her tutor's lead by studying science.

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Evan Eames in a selfie. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Helicopter pilot is rescued from ice floe

ARCTIC

Russian aviator picked up 32 hours after chopper crash

A Russian helicopter pilot survived a crash of his small helicopter into frigid Arctic waters by scrambling into a life raft and then spending over 30 hours awaiting rescue on an ice floe, military officials said Monday.

Sergey Ananov was on a solo, around-the-world journey in his single-engine aircraft and was about halfway between Iqualuit and Greenland when his Robinson R22 helicopter ditched in the Davis Strait on Saturday afternoon.

Rear Admiral John Newton says the search and rescue co-ordination centre was notified after an on-board beacon indicated Ananov's single-seat aircraft had descended to sea level and stopped moving.

The admiral said the 49-year-old sociologist and journalist had his life raft close at hand and his survival suit was on as it hit the water.

"It's wet, it's cold, he has some polar bear neighbours who are very interested in his whereabouts. He has quite a survival story."

Newton said Ananov fired off flares but they couldn't be seen in the cloudy, misty conditions by rescue aircraft and helicopters that had been dispatched to the scene.

Pilot Sergey Ananov, 49, spent more than 30 hours on an ice floe in frigid Arctic waters awaiting rescue. FACEBOOK/SERGEY ANANOV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **He has quite a survival story.**
> Rear Admiral John Newton

However, early on Monday morning a watchkeeper with the coast guard vessel Pierre Radisson, which had set out from Frobisher Bay to find the lost aviator, spotted one of the flares fired from the floe.

The vessel sent its helicopter to retrieve Ananov, who by then had been on the ice approximately 32 hours.

"We never gave up on him. There's a combined story of his tale of woe and the determined search by search and rescue ... the coast guard should be proud of what they achieved today," said Newton.

Capt. Wayne Jarvis, who was working at the search and rescue centre at the time of the rescue, said it's believed the cause of the crash was a mechanical problem.

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EVE ADAMS

Defeat a 'favour' for Trudeau

Liberals who helped defeat Eve Adams in her bid to run as the party's candidate in a Toronto riding said Monday they've done Justin Trudeau "a big favour."

But both the Conservatives and one Toronto political science professor say the Liberal leader will still face criticism during the upcoming federal election campaign for taking the Tory defector under his wing in the first place.

Adams had been seeking the Liberal nomination in Eglinton-Lawrence, where she would have faced off against her former fellow Conservative caucus mate, Finance Minister Joe Oliver.

But Adams, who was welcomed into the Liberal fold by Trudeau in February after she had a falling out with the Tories, was handily defeated by Marco Mendicino in a weekend nomination vote.

"I think we did Trudeau a big favour by bringing in and having a candidate here who really is a genuine Liberal," said Mike Colle, a Liberal who represents the riding in the Ontario legislature.

Adams would win the federal nomination "over my dead body," Colle predicted in a Facebook post in February.

"I'm happy to be alive and standing," he joked Monday.

But Trudeau will likely continue to be shadowed by the Adams defection throughout the campaign in advance of the Oct. 19 federal election, said University of Toronto political science professor Peter Loewen.

"I think it was a mistake for (Trudeau) ever to invite her in," Loewen said. "He should have asked his caucus and given the caucus a chance to pass judgment on her membership."

"It was a strategic mistake, it was a political mistake on values. It was just a bad mistake all around."

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IN BRIEF

CP Rail seeks to appeal Lac-Mégantic settlement

Canadian Pacific Railway is officially asking for permission to appeal the approval of the $430-million settlement fund for victims and creditors of the Lac-Mégantic train derailment.

The company states in court documents obtained by The Canadian Press Monday that the fund is unfair and that the Superior Court justice who gave it the green light had no jurisdiction to do so.

Justice Gaetan Dumas approved the fund, which was created when about 25 companies accused in the July 6, 2013, rail derailment that killed 47 people offered to compensate victims. THE CANADIAN PRESS

OLYMPIAD

'Mathlete' scores 100 in competition

The name Alex Song is spoken in reverential tones in Canadian mathematical circles.

The 18-year-old won the International Mathematical Olympiad in Thailand in mid-July, achieving a rare perfect score in the two-day competition against more than 600 high school competitors from 104 countries.

Song has had an incredible run over the past six years, finishing with five gold medals and one bronze against the best in the world.

The Olympiad is a big deal in math. Previous participants have gone on to win prestigious international awards such as the Fields Medal. considered by many as the highest honour in mathematics.

For Song, the Olympiad win wasn't that big of a deal.

"I was definitely very happy at the same time," he says. "But, I mean, it was just whatever happened."

"I felt like I was very lucky to solve all the problems, but at the same time I'm not sure if any of the problems gave me trouble," he said from his parents' home in San Jose, Calif. He grew up in Waterloo, Ont., until moving to New Hampshire to start high school in 2011.

The champ will start his collegiate career at Princeton University next month. He said he hopes to focus on pure mathematics and "needs to get prepared for mathematical research."

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Colombia begins quest to unearth missing youths

LA ESCOMBRERA

300 people believed to be entombed in urban landfill

The last contact Margarita Restrepo had with her daughter was a hurried phone call on Oct. 25, 2002. The school day was over and 17-year-old Carol Vanesa was going to meet friends at a metro stop near the sprawling Comuna 13 hillside slum.

Restrepo and her children had fled the violent Medellin neighbourhood a few days earlier, right before it was taken over by thousands of Colombian soldiers trying to ferret out leftist rebels. She begged the girl not to risk returning there, but the teen went anyway. Neither she nor her two friends have been seen again and, to this day, nobody knows who is responsible for their disappearance.

Thirteen years later, Restrepo and dozens of others who have missing loved ones are closer than ever to closure thanks to a project to remove 24,000 cubic metres of rubble from La Escombrera, a debris landfill on Medellin's outskirts where the remains of as many as 300 people are believed to have been dumped during one of the darkest chapters of Colombia's long-running civil conflict.

At a ceremony Monday to remember the missing and kick off the search effort, officials joined more than 100 women who dressed in white and carried black, plastic silhouettes to represent their loved ones. After years of silence on the part of the government and much of society, supporters of the families welcomed the start of the work.

"This is the site of one of the most atrocious episodes that weigh down our history and is a stain on our national identity before the entire world," Javier Giraldo, a Roman Catholic priest and human rights activist, said following a Mass to honour the victims.

Wooden silhouettes representing missing people dot Medellin, Colombia, on Monday. LUIS BENAVIDES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Human rights activists say La Escombrera could prove to be the largest mass grave ever found in Colombia and the dig represents a glimmer of hope that justice will be realized. But the search will be complicated.

Despite more than a decade-long clamour by victims' families that the landfill be closed and excavated, giant trucks have continued to dump construction waste daily.

"If that light doesn't shine for me, I hope it does for one of my companions," Restrepo said while holding up a placard with her daughter's photo and disappearance date, the eye-catching symbol used by the group Mothers Walking for the Truth to draw attention to their fight.

With the five-decade conflict winding down, officials have been fanning out across the country to exhume hundreds of bodies, attempt to identify them through DNA testing and return the remains to family members.

Forensic experts have cordoned off and will focus their search in three sections of the landfill where bodies are believed to have been dumped. A makeshift camp is being built for loved ones who want to stay abreast of the investigators' progress.

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IN BRIEF

Time an issue in solving Bobbi Kristina Brown case

Medical examiners performing an autopsy on Bobbi Kristina Brown said Monday their initial findings turned up no obvious cause of death, while experts said the months that have passed since Brown was found face-down in a bathtub are working against authorities now tasked with solving how she died.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office said in a statement Monday afternoon that it will likely be several weeks before it can rule on a manner and cause of death for the 22-year-old daughter of Whitney Houston.

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Bobbi Kristina Brown
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INDIA

10 people killed in extended gun battle

Indian forces fought an extended gun battle Monday with militants who attacked a moving bus and stormed into a police station in a northern town bordering Pakistan, with 10 people killed in the violence, officials said.

The attackers killed four policemen and three civilians in the pre-dawn attack in Punjab state, said Harcharan Singh Bains, a state government spokesman.

All three of the attackers died in fighting with Indian police officers backed by army personnel that lasted about 12 hours, said the state's director-general of police, Sumedh Singh Saini.

The militants hijacked a car and then fired at the bus and a roadside eatery before attacking a police station near Gurdaspur, a border town in Punjab, police said.

Eight injured people were hospitalized, seven of them in serious condition, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Police are investigating whether the militants came from the Indian portion of Kashmir, which borders Punjab, or from Pakistan. Rebels routinely stage attacks in Indian-held Kashmir, where they've been fighting since 1989 for an independent Kashmir or its merger with Pakistan.

Monday's attack took place in neighbouring Punjab state, which witnessed militancy by Sikhs in the 1980s.

The revolt was put down with massive police force, arbitrary arrests and long-term incarceration of insurgent leaders.

Saini said it was difficult to say where the attackers came from or whether militancy was returning to Punjab.

"They carried firearms and grenades. They came well equipped and carried two GPS systems," he told reporters.

Pakistan's foreign ministry condemned the attack. "Pakistan reiterates its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," it said in a statement.

State-run All India Radio said that police had discovered five bombs on a railway track in the area, causing train service to be suspended, though it was unclear whether it was related to the attack.

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SURVEY

More women reaching the 'Big O'

Young women are reaching orgasm at a rate that's getting competitive with that of their male counterparts, according to a U.S. survey conducted by condom manufacturing company Ansell.

It could be because this generation of men and women aren't shy about using vibrators and lubricants with one fourth admitting to having tried the former and 43 per cent reporting using the latter routinely.

A mere five per cent of female survey respondents reported that they don't typically reach the finish.

Millennials are also losing their virginity at a younger age, with 83 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds reporting having had sex before their 18th birthday.

In the survey, a total of 5,117 respondents bared all, answering 69 questions about their private lives.

The survey also found increased engagement in sexual behaviour through mobile phones, with 49 per cent of respondents admitting to sending naked photos via MMS.

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Pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democracy Party leader Selahattin Demirtas speaks about Turkey's airstrikes against Kurdish rebel bases in Iraq, in Ankara, Turkey, Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Return to turmoil

TURKEY

Period of peace ends with violent attacks

Turkey's unexpected move to launch raids against Kurdish rebels at the same time it is cracking down on the Islamic State group risks ending a period of relative calm that has been a boon for Turkey's democracy and economy.

The peace process launched in 2012 with the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, has been one of the signature achievements of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, ending decades of violence that has left thousands dead. But that came to a sudden end in recent days as the Kurdish rebel group claimed responsibility for the killing of two Turkish policemen, and Turkish jets slammed a Kurdish stronghold in northern Iraq.

Turkish officials have portrayed the airstrikes in Iraq against the Kurds, and in Syria against IS, as a decisive move to protect Turkish democracy against terrorism and to change an unfavourable dynamic in its backyard. They say that the move against the PKK was a necessary response to recent acts of violence. Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu also accused the Kurdish rebel group, which Turkey and the U.S. consider a terrorist group, of not keeping a pledge to withdraw armed fighters from Turkish territory and to disarm.

But hitting the PKK's mountainous stronghold in Qandil, Iraq, in two bombing runs was an escalation that could make it hard to put the peace process back together again. Already, the PKK has declared the end of a cease-fire.

Turkey could now face a return to a guerrilla war with the PKK that only months ago looked likely to end for good in a peace agreement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fake plastic surgeon receives prison time

A German court has sentenced a man to more than four years in prison for posing as a plastic surgeon and performing procedures on dozens of patients.

German news agency DPA reports that the 31-year-old man, who wasn't named for privacy reasons, had injected Botox and silicone into the cheeks, lips or forehead of more than 50 men and women.

The regional court in Regensburg found the defendant guilty Monday of grievous bodily harm and fraud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOMALIA

Hotel truck bomb death toll rises to 15

The massive truck bomb that killed 15 people and wrecked Somalia's premier hotel has stunned the capital and raised fears Monday that the Islamic extremist al-Shabab rebels are escalating their violence.

"This is a very worrying situation," senior police official Capt. Mohammed Hussein said as he stood outside the Hotel Jazeera near a dead body. "This happened despite all the security precautions in place."

During a visit to neighbouring Ethiopia, U.S. President Barack Obama said Monday the bombing is a reminder "we have more work to do" in stemming terrorism in the region and that groups like al-Shabab offer nothing but destruction.

The scene at the site was grisly, with the front sheared off of the five-story luxury hotel that once housed diplomats, journalists and visiting heads of state.

Desperate relatives searched the bloodstained rubble with their bare hands looking for survivors while to the side lay a large sack of body parts.

The bomb was made of a ton of explosives and destroyed dozens of nearby homes, said police.

"It's a criminal and cowardly act but that will not disrupt our struggle toward peace," Somali Foreign Minister Abdisalam Omer told The Associated Press by phone from Djibouti.

The toll from the attack included a Kenyan diplomat, a Chinese embassy guard and two journalists, Abdihakin Mohamed Omar, a producer for Somali Broadcasting Corporation and Mohamed Abdikarim Moallim Adam, a reporter for the London-based Universal television, who were driving near the hotel at the time of the attack.

Security officials link the attack to setbacks by al-Shabab in the field where they have been driven out of Mogadishu and strongholds in the countryside by combined African Union and Somali forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TransAlta manipulated market: Commission

TransAlta Corp. deliberately timed outages at power plants in Alberta at peak times in order to drive up electricity prices, the Alberta Utilities Commission said in a ruling Monday. The commission conducted hearings after the province's market surveillance administrator alleged the company manipulated the market by shutting down coal-fired plants in late 2010 and early 2011 to drive up power costs during periods when demand was high.

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German businesses feel more confident

Business confidence in Germany, Europe's biggest economy, has risen unexpectedly this month as worries over Greece have subsided, a survey showed Monday. The Ifo think-tank's monthly confidence index increased to 108 points for July from 107.5 in June. Economists had expected a slight decline to 107.2, which would have been a third consecutive drop. The German economy has been helped lately by low unemployment and increasing domestic demand.

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Tim Hortons executives are reviewing Tims TV after Enbridge ads running on the in-store digital screens last month dragged the restaurant chain into a clash between environmentalists and oil-industry supporters. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tim Hortons reviews in-store TV screens

RESTAURANTS

Activists and oil industry clash over ad on Tims TV

Executives at Tim Hortons are reconsidering whether it's worth the risk of flavouring your coffee break with potential controversy.

After the restaurant chain was dragged into a clash between environmentalists and oil-industry supporters last month, Daniel Schwartz, CEO of Tim Hortons' parent company Restaurant Brands, said Monday the company is reviewing its Tims TV in-store digital screens.

"We're now taking a look at the whole Tims TV program and what makes sense for the brand," said Schwartz in an interview.

"As with many things in the restaurant, we explore what's best from time to time."

The review comes after Tim Hortons was put in the hot seat for giving advertisement space to pipeline giant Enbridge on its in-store digital screens.

The commercials angered environmentalists who launched an online petition to get them pulled. When Tim Hortons yanked the Enbridge ads, some oil-sector supporters called it an insult to one of Canada's biggest industries and launched their own boycott.

> **We're now taking a look at the whole Tims TV program.**
> Daniel Schwartz

The conflict showed the potential dangers of a brand as recognizable as Tim Hortons selling ad space to companies that could rankle its customers.

The coffee-and-doughnut chain began experimenting with Tims TV last year before rolling out screens at restaurants across the country. The company described Tims TV as its own version of a community space, serving as a home for the latest news, weather, local events and branded videos.

But the thrust of the concept was to pocket revenue from what's essentially a billboard inside the restaurants.

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GREECE

Ex-minister hatched plan for euro exit

The Greek government was poised Monday for the imminent start of intricate bailout discussions but faced rebukes following revelations that former finance minister Yanis Varoufakis formed a secret committee to plan for the possible conversion of euros into drachmas "at a drop of a hat."

While the final touches were being put in place for the start of technical talks in Athens, a recording of Varoufakis discussing a parallel currency plan was made public.

Opposition parties have criticized Varoufakis and have urged Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to explain to lawmakers what he knew of his former finance minister's actions.

Yanis Varoufakis
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In the recording of a telephone briefing for investors on July 16 in the wake of his resignation days earlier, Varoufakis claimed he and a childhood friend who was a computer expert hacked into his ministry's computer systems as a first step to creating "a parallel banking system" in the event Greek banks were shuttered.

In theory, a parallel system formed from the effective cloning of tax accounts would have allowed the finance ministry to continue payments in the form of so-called IOUs.

Varoufakis said he had been authorized by Tsipras to undertake the planning prior to the general election in January when the radical left Syriza party swept to power.

And he insisted that his actions were legal, in the public interest and aimed at keeping the country in the 19-country eurozone.

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the big number

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Is the number of women who have come forward and attached their names and faces to their stories of alleged sexual assault at the hands of Bill Cosby. The women — the majority of Cosby's accusers, who currently number 46 — range in age from their early 40s to 80, and they report incidents as far back as 1969. They told their stories in New York Magazine on Sunday, describing, in many cases, being drugged without their knowledge and forced to perform sex acts without their consent. A handful of women who reported Cosby in 2005 were met with "skepticism, threats, and attacks on their character," the magazine essay says. This time around, praise and support abounds on social media — a testament to how much has changed in just a few years.

Granville Island sets the bar for pedestrians

YOUR RIDE
Karen Quinn Fung

Granville Island is one of our region's undisputed treasures, picking up accolades and serving as a model for a great place — often imitated but seldom duplicated. Its unique mix of industry, heritage and creative atmosphere make it a draw for visitors. It also provides residents in South False Creek with shopping and services.

Its charm may lie in part in being managed by a different body than the rest of our region — the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. A federal body, to be precise.

It also means that the process of navigating Granville Island's future amidst the forces of change will not be like what's gone on in other neighbourhoods. Cambie Corridor, Mount Pleasant, West End, Marpole, Grandview Woodlands, False Creek Flats — as contentious as some of these community planning processes in Vancouver have been, they are also built with the city's broader goals in mind.

Those same aspirations are in place for Granville Island as well. The city, after all, has a great deal to say about what goes on around or through Granville Island, setting policy on the seawall, adjacent neighbourhoods or facilities like the community centre. With its shared streets, Granville Island set the bar for pedestrian experience in the rest of the region.

But there is some apprehension. Federal agencies can feel cut from a different cloth compared to our local governments or the regional district. Only two years ago, the airport authority unilaterally announced its construction of a designer outlet mall on property it owns by the Vancouver International Airport — politely but effectively thumbing its nose at the regional growth plan (the outcome of countless hours of negotiation, analysis and consultation) in favour of "maximizing the value of [its] assets," to quote an authority official.

What could this mean for Granville Island? With Emily Carr University moving to a site at Great Northern Way, and last year's rumblings of a transfer of ownership from the CMHC to Port Metro Vancouver, change is undoubtedly afoot. The Granville Island Trust, which has board members with diverse interests in businesses, institutions and urban design, have demonstrated a deep understanding of what makes Granville Island tick, as it advises CMHC. Their 2014 visioning process for the soon-to-be-empty buildings underscored a commitment to maintain a high-quality pedestrian experience.

Along with the anxiety, there is at least equal excitement about the opportunity to infuse Emily Carr's architecturally unique space — and by extension, the rest of Granville Island — with some new ideas and fresh thinking. Let's hope that spirit will carry through to the rest of the broader process of deciding what comes next for Granville Island.

Granville Island's charm may lie in part in being managed by a different body than a rest of our region — the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

We're all jerks on the road. Cyclists are the vulnerable kind

I had that sense again yesterday morning when I got on my bike.

The feeling that I was no more than a delicate teacup perched on the seat. Every motorcycle and car that passed me made me flinch. I shoulder-checked like I had a neck twitch. I'm not a timid rider, but I had again the odd foreboding that this could be the day I get hit.

It wouldn't be the first time. A few years ago I was doored — and learned the term doored — en route to the office.

A driver, parked on the side of the road, didn't look for bikes before swinging open his door as I passed him. I flew over the handlebars and skidded to a stop in the middle of the street, mostly unhurt, but shaken.

When cars and bikes collide, one of us always loses.

In 2011, the latest data, colliding with a motor vehicle caused 60 per cent of cyclist deaths in Canada. A University of British Columbia study from 2013 found that cyclists have higher rates of both injuries and deaths than drivers, whether you're looking at number of trips taken or number of kilometres travelled.

I'm not arguing the childish chant that cyclists are better than drivers (and pedestrians are forgotten casualties, like the horses of war, even though they are very much at risk of dying just by walking). Yesterday, as with every morning, cars, buses and trucks vied with pedestrians and other cyclists for biggest a--hole on the road (an award I dole out personally). As of press time, a Toronto pedestrian was the front-runner, thanks to a video making the rounds on Twitter wherein he punches a cyclist in the face.

It's scary out there.

A month ago, I was biking home when a cab driver decided I was too far from the sidewalk (and the crater-sized potholes that hugged the curb) and laid on the horn. He hoooooooonnnnnnnkkkkkeeedddd. It scared the hell out of me and left me so sensitive that a podcast I was listening to made me cry.

Yes, Mr. Cab Driver, I realize I've inconvenienced you by forcing you to switch lanes in an otherwise deserted street.

But please pause to consider: Should we collide, you would drive off with a $2,000 repair bill. I would lie there waiting for an ambulance.

In this, one of the statistically most dangerous times of the year to be a cyclist on the road, I beg of you, drivers. Please remember that while we're all jerks on the road, cyclists are the vulnerable kind.

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Weaving her way up the charts

TOUR

L.A. singer Ryn Weaver revels in life on the road

Caroline MacNeille
For Metro

Ryn Weaver is spending the summer in a way most 22-year-olds only dream of — touring the country to play music from her debut album, The Fool.

After dropping out of NYU in 2013, Weaver moved back to California where she connected with Benny Blanco, a producer who has worked with such pop luminaries as Katy Perry, Kesha and Maroon 5 in the past.

After the success of the resulting EP, she hit the festival circuit, with stops at Coachella, SXSW and Bonnaroo. This summer, she's loving connecting with fans on her first solo tour.

Her first tour

"It's been really freaking wild," Weaver says. "The first show I played was this sold-out show in a town where I have a lot of family and friends, and L.A. was sold out, too. I think when you're playing at festivals it's really fun, but it's a lot about winning new fans and having people listen to your music because they wandered over."

Currently in the middle of a tour spanning the U.S. and Canada, Weaver says the connection she makes with fans at solo shows has been very meaningful.

"Every single person at these shows is there because they care about my lyrics and what I'm saying and they all know all the words and they relate. So it's a very comforting experience. It's been very fun for me."

Concept albums

Weaver, who was involved in theatre growing up, might have been inspired by her experiences there — she created the album to be listened to all in one sitting, like a play.

> **Every single person at these shows is there because they care about my lyrics and what I'm saying.**
>
> Ryn Weaver, singer, on connecting with fans during her first solo tour

"I believe in concept albums," she says. "There's something beautiful to be said about pop stars, and the breadth of catchy music that sometimes doesn't even go together but is such a good time anyway. As much as I love that and respect people who can achieve that, I think that I'm naturally a bit more of a storyteller."

That can mean spending a little more time with what she's working on.

"A lot of my favourite artists took their time to make different records. They would fall off the map a bit and come back. So a lot of the music I was listening to always felt like it was coming from a very specific world."

Music videos

To date, Weaver has put out two videos: one for her breakout hit OctaHate and one for her album's namesake, The Fool. Both are esthetic and evocative, featuring unusual, vivid settings (an old house, a gorgeous field) to immerse the viewer in her world. "I always have ideas (for videos) in my head as I write songs. I kind of see the theatre of it."

For these videos, Weaver found inspiration close by.

In OctaHate, that's my best friend Hayley, and we actually came together as friends because of the person the song was written about.

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"To me, it represented way more than us having a food fight at the table. It was about overcoming the journey of the mourning process. There's a final hug at the end. It's about how you wrestle with grief and mourning."

Starring roles

Although Weaver is achieving serious success as a musician, she once attended NYU as an acting student.

"Every single form of art is beneficial to another one. In acting, you get to study characters and you get to understand. It's an empathetic art form. It's almost anthropological. I love it."

Ultimately, she moved back to California to pursue music, finding that the West Coast suits her better.

"I love the East Coast, but a number of the (acting) methods break people down to bring them back up. I kind of believe in nurturing the natural side of you that has those qualities. Sometimes I think technique can crush creativity a bit."

Ryn Weaver performs at the Bonnaroo Arts and Music Festival on June 11 in Manchester, Tenn. JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

RUSH

'40 years is a long time to ... be in a rock band with the same guys'

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

I'm standing onstage at the MGM Grand Garden with Lorne Wheaton, the guy Rush's Neil Peart trusts with his drum kits.

"This set," he says, pointing to the kit that Peart has been using for the first half of each show on their 40th anniversary tour known as R40, "is made from an oak tree that was dredged out of the River Olt in Romania. It was carbondated to 1,500 years old. The guys at DW (Neil's preferred drum maker) turned it into this. Amazing, right?"

Lorne spoke of his boss with awe and respect. But and other Rush employees are facing an uncertain future. They know something is going to happen this coming Saturday night. When the lights go up at the end of the show at the LA Forum, the last stop on R40, that might be the last time we ever see Rush onstage.

A Canada — a world — without Rush seems almost inconceivable, but that's exactly what fans may be facing. The band has pushed pause on their career a couple of times in the past, but this time, things look serious. Very serious. There have been rumblings for months that this is definitely The End.

If they wanted to, Rush could extend the R40 tour for months, hitting North American cities they've missed (Winnipeg, Cleveland, Pittsburgh) and returning to cities for additional dates (Toronto, Los Angeles) before heading to across the Atlantic. A European tour would be insanely profitable.

But 40 years is a long time for anyone to do anything, let alone be in a rock band with the same guys playing the same songs, so you can understand why retirement might seem inviting. And it's tempting to go out on top before things start to go pear-shaped. After so many years, you want to leave a legacy that's remembered fondly.

Money? Not an issue. Revenues have been staggeringly good. In addition to raking in millions over the last couple of tours, Rush sold their publishing catalogue for $20 million. No one, and no heir, is going to go without.

It all comes down to a choice we all hope to have at some point in our lives: Do I really want to do this anymore? There are two more shows left on the tour. After Saturday, we'll see what Rush decides.

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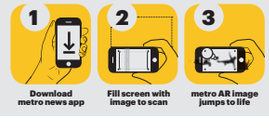

Black goes totally YouTubular

MICHAEL IAN BLACK

The State star is stoked to play SMOSH villain

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

The State and Wet Hot American Summer star Michael Ian Black gets in on the YouTube generation's fun with SMOSH: The Movie, playing eccentric billionaire villain Steve YouTube, who sends the SMOSH guys (Ian Hecox and Anthony Padilla) literally into the Internet to try to undo an embarrassing viral video. And Black, as it turns out, has a handy trick for playing that type of character.

How do you get into the head space of a character like Steve YouTube?
You just act a little bit like a dick, and that's easy for me. I'm just wired to be a little bit of a dick.

It works for you, I think.
Thanks (laughs). I've based an entire career on it.

What do you make of the whole YouTube thing?
Well, I certainly support the ability to create content and put it out there and have people watch it, and YouTube is the premium platform for that. So I guess I'm a big fan.

If you'd had this kind of platform when you were starting out with The State, how different do you think things would have been?
The ability to just create stuff and find an audience so easily probably would have changed everything ... But who knows what the result of that would've been, whether it would've been better or worse.

You could argue a lot of the popular YouTube stuff owes a lot to The State.
Unquestionably, nobody would be where they are were it not for me. I mean me singularly. Just me.

That's fair. Very humble.
I'm trying to keep it as modest as I possibly can.

You've got a lot of TV projects going right now. Why are you on everything?
Well, I'm on three. And it's a result of probably poor or maybe good timing and not any resurgence or renaissance in my career. I don't think. I think my career is still safely in the toilet. That's the hope.

Is that where you're looking to stay?
Well, it's comfortable.

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Michael Ian Black, left, as Steve YouTube in SMOSH: The Movie. CONTRIBUTED

WET HOT AMERICAN SUMMER

Netflix turns the cult classic into a new series
A prequel to the 2001 sleeper hit, Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp will make Netflix subscribers very happy campers starting July 31.

The original cast is reunited for eight episodes of goofy hilarity centred on camp counsellor rivalries, summer trysts and the usual scatalogical gags.

Fourteen years later, the once unknown cast have all become bankable stars. Bradley Cooper, Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler, Elizabeth Banks and Christopher Meloni, to name a few, reprise their original roles for the reunion, which takes them back to their first day at Camp Firewood.

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SERIES PREMIERE

I Am Cait recapped

After weeks of sneak peeks, I Am Cait finally premiered Sunday night on E! If you got caught up in watching Kanye drop his mic at the Pan Am closing ceremony, here are all the juicy scenes from Cait's first episode.

Caitlyn sees her Vanity Fair cover for the first time
In the first few moments in I Am Cait, Caitlyn sees the cover, the cameras capturing her immediate reaction.

Caitlyn's mom gets honest
Caitlyn's mom and two sisters come to visit, the first time they are seeing each other since the transformation, and Caitlyn's mom doesn't hold back, including asking about a verse on the Bible condemning dressing up in another gender's clothes.

Kim lends fashion advice
Kanye West and a pregnant Kim Kardashian stop by and Kim heads straight to Caitlyn's closet. She doesn't hold back about what Caitlyn needs to ditch. Plus, she pulls out a dress that Kris Jenner also has. Talk about awkward!

Real trans issues addressed
Caitlyn spends the afternoon with the family of a trans 14-year-old who committed suicide, and scenes for upcoming episodes feature her going to support groups and addressing important issues.

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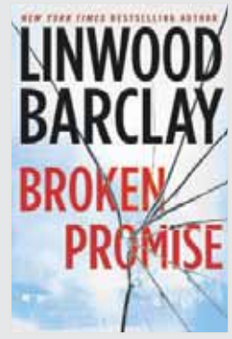
BROKEN PROMISE — AN EXCERPT IN FOUR PARTS BY LINWOOD BARCLAY

BILL TAYLOR

The dog made a beeline for the fence when she caught a whiff of it. Duckworth steeled himself. He'd seen a few dead people over the years.



PART 2 OF 4

Something dark has infected Promise Falls
Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with Broken Promise (Doubleday, July 28, $22.95), the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

When we left David yesterday, he had gone to visit his cousin Marla, who has miscarried just 10 months earlier. David is disturbed when he finds Marla feeding a baby that she claims was brought to her by an angel.

The name of the caller came up on Promise Falls Detective Barry Duckworth's screen. "Oh, no," he said. "Randall Finley." The former mayor.

"Yeah," Duckworth said.

"Hey, where are you?" Finley asked. "You in your car? Swing by Clampett Park. South end. By the path. There's something here you should see."

Barry Duckworth sighed. "Fine."

"I'll meet you at the park entrance. I got my dog with me. That's how I came across it. I was taking her for a walk."

"It?"

"Just get over here."

"Took you long enough," Finley said as Barry got out of his unmarked cruiser.

"I don't work for you," he said.

"Sure you do. I'm a taxpayer." Finley was dressed in a pair of comfort-fit jeans, running shoes, and a light jacket that he'd zipped up to his neck. "What did you find?"

"It's this way. I could just let Bipsie off the lead and we could follow her."

"No," Duckworth said. "Whatever you've found I don't want Bipsie messing with."

"Oh, yeah, of course," Finley said. "So, how ya been? You lost weight? You're looking good."

"What'd you find, Randy?"

"You just have to see it, is all. Must have happened overnight, because I walk along here with Bipsie a couple times a day — early in the morning, and before I go to bed. The dog made a beeline for the fence when she caught a whiff of it."

Duckworth steeled himself. He'd seen a few dead people over the years, and figured he'd see plenty more before he retired.

Finley pointed. "There, on the fence. Pretty weird, huh? It's a goddamn massacre. You ever seen anything like this before?"

Duckworth said nothing, but the answer was no, he had not. Randall said, "If it had been just one body, or even two, sure, I wouldn't have called. But look how many there are. There's twenty-three of them."

Duckworth counted them himself. Randy was right. One short of two dozen.

Twenty-three dead squirrels. Eleven gray ones, twelve black. Each one with a length of white string, the kind used to secure parcels, knotted tightly around its neck, and hung from the horizontal metal pole that ran across the top of the fence.

"I got no love for them," Finley said. "Tree rats, I call them. But there's gotta be a law against that, right? Even though they're just squirrels?"

In tomorrow's excerpt: David tries to find out more about where Marla got the baby.

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Cleveland coach Mike Pettine says QB Johnny Manziel is behind Josh McCown for the starting job

Lions' Phillips optimistic about ailing hamstring

CFL

Defensive back could play Thursday after extra week off

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

At a later point in the CFL season, with bigger things immediately at stake like a playoff position, and if the choice was ultimately his, Ryan Phillips admits he would've fought through an ailing hamstring that kept him out of the B.C. Lions lineup Friday.

But five weeks and four games into the season, the 32-year-old Phillips can also recognize that sitting an extra game at this juncture in order to get healthy is also in his best interest and that of the team, even if the Lions did miss his wealth of experience in the secondary for a brief time.

After having his impressive iron man streak of 181 consecutive games played snapped and missing the last three games with a hamstring injury suffered on July 4, the 11-year veteran was back in full pads as the Leos returned to practice following Friday's loss to Toronto, in which B.C. coughed up a 21-point second-quarter lead.

As for a possible return to the Lions lineup Thursday, when they play the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on the road, the signs are encouraging and that extra week off seems to have something to do with that.

"I feel good. I like the way I practised today. I like the speed and the tempo I practised at. It just felt good to be out there again," said Phillips.

"You get that disconnect when you sit out a few games."

A CFL and West Division all-star four times in his CFL career — all of it spent in B.C. — Phillips has experienced a number of different scenarios unfold, but seeing a lead of 21 points slowly slip through the Lions' grasp was something he called "inexcusable."

The Lions looked through the opening 16 minutes like they were running away with a sure victory.

But the Argos slowly began to gain the upper hand as the second, third and fourth quarters progressed, before marching the ball down the field and delivering the final blow on a field goal in the final minute.

"Throughout the course of the game, you're going to have a change of momentum and you have to withstand those things," said Phillips.

"We didn't do the necessary things to stop the momentum."

The Lions' Ryan Phillips elected to sit out another game last week rather than play with a bum hamstring. GETTY IMAGES FILE

LINEUP

Tillman awaits word on possible start at corner

First-year CFL defensive back Alex Tillman, who has been used primarily as a punt returner in his brief tenure with the Lions, replaced Ronnie Yell at cornerback Monday.

Yell was present at practice but didn't participate, after being unable to finish Friday's game with a suspected injury.

Tillman, who played his final year of college ball at North Dakota, said he doesn't yet know if he'll start Thursday and was awaiting the decision from the coaching staff.

OLYMPICS

Toronto's path to hosting gig now 'easier'

Boston's withdrawal from the race to host the 2024 Summer Olympics could make a potential Toronto bid "far more attractive," particularly if no other American city steps up to the plate, experts said Monday.

"The Boston decision today certainly makes the landscape easier for a Canadian bid, a Toronto bid," said Bruce Kidd, an Olympics expert at the University of Toronto.

"With no U.S. bid, a Canadian bid has a much stronger argument," he said, noting that by 2024, it will have been almost three decades since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the last time the Summer Games were held in North America.

Talk of a third Toronto Olympic bid has followed the city's successful Pan Am Games, which wrapped up Sunday.

Toronto Mayor John Tory said he wants to let the dust settle before making a decision, adding that officials will conduct a "careful analysis" to determine whether a bid is in the city's best interest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DECISION

The winning city will be chosen in 2017.

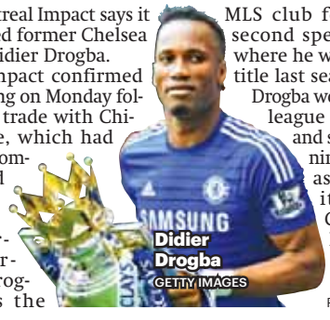
MLS

Montreal awaits Drogba's Impact

The Montreal Impact says it has signed former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba.

The Impact confirmed the signing on Monday following a trade with Chicago Fire, which had initially completed a move for the 37-year-old forward. Drogba joins the MLS club following his second spell at Chelsea where he won the league title last season.

Drogba won four English league titles in total and scored the winning penalty kick as Chelsea won its first ever Champions League crown in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Didier Drogba GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Red Bulls sign their scoring champ's brother

The New York Red Bulls have signed the brother of defending MLS leading goal-scorer Bradley Wright-Phillips.

Red Bulls sporting director Ali Curtis announced on Monday that midfielder Shaun Wright-Phillips will be joining his brother on the team.

Shaun Wright-Phillips has spent time with Queens Park Rangers, Manchester City and Chelsea in the Premier League. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Preds lock up Wilson with four-year contract

The Nashville Predators announced the signing of forward Colin Wilson to a four-year contract worth $15.75 million on Monday.

Colin Wilson GETTY IMAGE FILE

Wilson, 25, set career highs in goals (20) and points (42) in 2014-15. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Hosmer leads way as Royals rout Tribe

Eric Hosmer drove in four runs, Kendrys Morales added three RBIs and the Kansas City Royals opened a 10-game road trip with a 9-4 victory over the spiralling Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

Hosmer connected for a three-run homer in the first inning off rookie Cody Anderson (2-2) as the Royals rolled to their AL-leading 60th win and improved to 15-5 in their last 20 games.

Edinson Volquez (10-5) worked into the seventh inning for Kansas City.

Rookie Francisco Lindor hit a three-run homer and Carlos Santana had a solo shot for the Indians, who have dropped five straight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONDAY In Cleveland

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RECIPE Grilled Chicken with Peach and Bell Pepper Salsa

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Ripe peaches are a delicacy this time of year. You can also use nectarines or plums.

Serves 4

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 1/2 lb boneless chicken breasts
- 1 cup finely diced peeled ripe peaches
- 1/3 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp honey (or to taste)
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro

Directions

1. If you have time, marinate the chicken breasts for at least one hour.

2. Grill the chicken on medium heat, just until cooked or temperature reaches 165 F, approximately eight to 12 minutes.

3. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients except for cilantro. Add to skillet and cook for one minute or just until warm. Add cilantro and spoon over chicken.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 262
- Protein 39.4 g
- Carbohydrates 13 g
- Fibre 0.6 g
- Total fat 4.7 g
- Saturated fat 0.6 g
- Cholesterol 99 mg
- Sodium 211 mg

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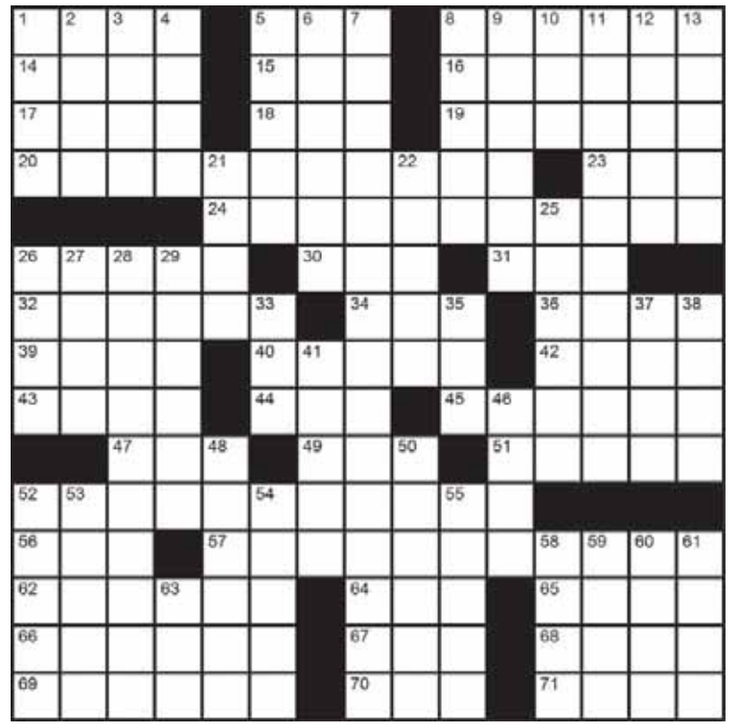
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Pickle holders
5. Wee washroom
8. Was an appreciative restaurant customer
14. Double-reed woodwind
15. Earlier, poetically
16. Southern Manitoba town
17. Criticize
18. Tread the boards
19. Chef, when making everything on the dish look nice before the waiter takes it, say
20. Northern and Southern on the globe
23. Ms. Adams
24. Fly extinct reptile fly!
26. Paul McCartney's nickname
30. Chest bone
31. "_-hoo!"
32. Roman Myth: Dawn goddess
34. Modern
36. Glasgow's country [abbr.]
39. Eminem song
40. Successful song
42. Bible pronoun
43. Goblins
44. That lady
45. Laundry challenges
47. Greyhound vehicle
49. Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.
51. Talk show legend Ms. Winfrey's biblical name as it appeared on her birth certificate
52. Hollowed-bear-bone healing aid used by shamans of the Tsimshian people in British Columbia: 2 wds.
56. NFL teams division, e.g.
57. Shakespearean comedy: 4 wds.
62. Alarm clock responders
64. Way to travel [abbr.]
65. King Atahualpa, for one
66. Pot holder
67. Certain canine
68. Arf!
69. Groups of eight
70. Operative
71. "Say it _ so!"

DOWN
1. Mr. Brolin
2. Fit to partake
3. Rove
4. _-sweet chocolate
5. Jumped
6. Robin Hood, for one
7. Former military branch... RCAVC = Royal Canadian Army _ _
8. Recorded
9. "My sentiments exactly.": 2 wds.
10. Harper Valley gr.
11. One-of-some in a bag of Canadian snack brand Miss Vickie's: 2 wds.
12. Foe
13. Ms. Hannah
21. Box
22. Court garbs
25. Movie's billing sharer
26. Long-running military comedy
27. Highway honker
28. k-os hit, Juno-winner for Single of the Year in 2005
29. Sort of diplomat
33. Cigar residue
35. Canadian actress Sandra's
37. Charlie Chaplin's last wife
38. 1975 ZZ Top song
41. Like a craved-for acting role
46. Ms. Spelling
48. Frightened
50. Black Eyed Peas hit: 2 wds.
52. _ _ it (Carried out a task)
53. Joan's two-worded following
54. Li'l helpers
55. Lyrical lament
58. Fuzzy fruit
59. Rock producer Brian's
60. Desktop graphic
61. William H. _ (27th US President)
63. Sister of Zsa Zsa

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
If you enjoy being the boss then you'll get every opportunity to show off your leadership skills. But remember that being the boss is about more than just giving orders.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The one thing you most want to avoid is the thing you must face up to today. Something that has been causing you a great deal of worry can now be dealt with but it will take a lot of courage on your part.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Friends will go out of their way to help so don't just sit there like everything is fine. No matter how independent-minded you are, you still need a helping hand now and again.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you need to persuade someone to give you something you will no doubt be successful today. But they will give even more if you wait until Friday's full moon.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
So many things are going right now that you are beginning to believe a breakthrough is possible. It is. Keep dreaming about a brighter future. It won't be a dream for long.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may find it difficult to make up your mind today. Your problem is that you are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Lighten up a bit – life is supposed to be enjoyed.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Not only are you in tune with the spirit of the times but you believe you have found your special place and role in the world. It's good to feel you are doing something worthwhile. It's good to make a difference.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to find the courage to make a difficult decision. Keep reminding yourself that change is not something to be avoided.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Approach the day in a positive frame of mind and you'll accomplish a lot. Approach the day with negativity and you'll accomplish the same amount but you won't get much joy from it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If your instincts tell you you're on the right track then you must trust them. Let them guide you and the next few days will be a lot of fun.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Certain people may not deserve your support but you will give it anyway. Later in the week, when the moon is full in your sign, it is you who will need assistance. Think of good deeds as an investment.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You must spend some time planning what you are going to do. It will enable you to get twice as much done as you would have had you rushed in and hoped for the best.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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